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Triston Cole
House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Representative Cole,

The Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA) urges the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to pass House Bill No. 4466 which establishes penalties for operating a vehicle while sending or receiving a message on an electronic wireless device.

Distracted driving is a great challenge to safe traveling in Michigan. Statistics released by the Michigan State Police show that traffic fatalities, crashes, and injuries have been increasing for the last three years. Several analysts think distracted driving has contributed to this rise.

Of concern to TCBA was the 2014 death of Jill Byelich who was killed by a distracted driver while biking in rural Clinton County.

TCBA urges the Committee to pass this bill to protect pedestrian, bicyclists, and motorists.

Sincerely,

Michael Unsworth
Chair, TCBA Advocacy Committee